



City of Greenville, South Carolina

benefits of commercial annexation

For more information, call 864-467-5723 or visit www.greenvillesc.gov

Proprietors receive the following exceptional City services and much more:

Police Department

6.43 police officers per square mile, versus 0.4 deputies/square mile in the unincorporated area of Greenville County.

Quicker emergency response time - average of 6 minutes for City versus 15 minutes within the Greenville County unincorporated area.

A full range of crime prevention services:

Crime Prevention Surveys for Businesses
Greenville Cares Customer Service Call Center

Direct Call Communicator
Eight Police Substations
Victim Assistance Program
Business Watch/Bank Watch
Crime Tip Line

Fire Department

Direct fire alarm tie-in to the Fire Department. Average emergency response time is about 3 minutes.

2 ISO class rating, which can possibly allow for lower insurance costs

Full range of inspection services

Hazmat Team, provides 24-hour response service to accidental and intentional release of hazardous materials. All personnel are trained NFPA Hazardous Materials Technicians. The City of Greenville's Fire Department coordinates closely with the appropriate business to secure an expeditious response time

Inspection of newly-renovated buildings in a time-sensitive manner for the developers of the projects

Fully-trained codes department to assist with compliance with OSHA standards

Infrastructure Assistance & Street Lighting

Assist developers, as funds allow, with the construction cost of sewer lines, roads, landscaping and other improvements on public property. The level of assistance is determined on a project-by-project basis.

Zoning

The City of Greenville has more flexible zoning regulations than those of the County since the City's zoning classifications are cumulative.

Street Maintenance

The Department of Public Works has a strategically scheduled street sweeping program, as well as winter de-icing.

Utility Trailer Service

Public Works will provide a utility trailer for cleaning.

Water Rates

Water rates from the Greenville Water System are approximately one-third lower for properties located within the Greenville City limits. For example, an annual water bill of \$200 outside the city limits will cost \$134 within the city limits, resulting in a savings of \$66

Greenville Cares, whose mission is to improve customer service by providing residents with a simple way to request City services or information by using just one contact number, fax or email.

Alcohol Sales

The City of Greenville has passed a referendum allowing for the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays in contiguous restraints to the city limits.

Business License Tax Abatement

The City of Greenville provides an abatement of the business license tax for any newly-annexed business except nightclubs, bars, taverns, related clubs and bingo operators. Businesses receive a 100% tax abatement for the first year of operation; 66% in the second year and 33% in the third year. Beginning in the fourth year of operation, the full business license tax is paid. If the business begins operating with less than six months remaining in the calendar year, it may elect to extend its 100% abatement to the second taxable year provided it pays 50% of the tax otherwise due in the third taxable year.

For more information: www.greenvillesc.gov/EconDev/Annexation.aspx